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SALCOMBE URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

REPORT OF THE

MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH

for the Year

1961



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SALCOMBE URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH'S REPORT FOR THE YEAR
ENDED 31st DECEMBER, 1961.

MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH : R.B. WALKER, M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., D.P.H.

DEPUTY MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH : R.H. DUMMETT, M.E. Ch.B.

SURVEYOR AND PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR : A.J.C. NEX, M.A.P.H.I. (to 23th March, 1961)
G. ROTHWELL, A.M.I.P.H.E., M.A.P.H.I., (from
May, 8th, 1961).

Mr. Chairman Lady and Gentlemen.

I beg to present the Report for the year ended 31st December, 1961

The health of the district has continued to be satisfactory.

STATISTICS AND SOCIAL CONDITIONS OF THE AREA

Area (in acres) : 1,297.

Population : The Registrar General's estimate of the resident population
: 2,340

Number of inhabited houses (end of 1961 according to the Rate Books)
: 907

Rateable Value : £42,391

Sum represented by a Penny Rate
: £171

VITAL STATISTICS

<u>LIVE BIRTHS</u> :	<u>TOTAL</u>	M.	F.
Legitimate	23	16	7
Illegitimate	2	1	1

Birth Rate per 1,000 of the estimated population : 10.68

<u>STILL BIRTHS</u> :			
	1	-	1

Rate per 1,000 total (live and still) Births : 40.00

DEATHS : 32

Death Rate Per 1,000 of the estimated resident population	:	13.66
DEATHS (from Puerperal Causes)	:	NIL
DEATHS OF INFANTS under one year of age.	:	NIL
DEATH RATE - All infants per 1,000 Live Births	:	NIL
Legitimate Infants per 1,000	:	
Legitimate Live Births	:	NIL
Illegitimate Infants per 1,000	:	
Illegitimate Live Births	:	NIL
DEATHS OF INFANTS under four weeks of age.	:	NIL

CAUSES OF DEATH

	M.	F.
1. Tuberculosis of the Respirator System	-	-
2. Other forms of Tuberculosis	-	-
3. Syphilitic Disease	-	-
4. Diphtheria	-	-
5. Whooping Cough	-	-
6. Meningoccal Infections	-	-
7. Acute Poliomyelitis	-	-
8. Measles	-	-
9. Other Infective and Parasitic Disease	-	-
10. Malignant Neoplasm, Stomach	4	-
11. Malignant Neoplasm, Lung, Bronchus	-	-
12. Malignant Neoplasm, Breast	1	-
13. Malignant Neoplasm, Uterus	-	-
14. Other Malignant and Lymphatic Neoplasms	4	1
15. Leukaemia, Aleukaemia	-	-
16. Diabetes	1	-
17. Vascular Lesions of Nervous System	2	3
18. Coronary Disease, Angina	2	-
19. Hypertension with Heart Disease	-	-
20. Other Heart Disease	2	-
21. Other Circulatory Disease	1	2
22. Influenza	-	-
23. Pneumonia	-	1
24. Bronchitis	-	1
25. Other Diseases of Respiratory System	-	-
26. Ulcer of Stomach and Duodenum	1	-
27. Gastritis, Enteritis and Diarrhoea	-	1
28. Nephritis and Bephrosis	-	-
29. Hyperplasia of Prostate	-	-
30. Pregnancy, Childbirth and Abortion	-	-
31. Congenital Malformations	-	-
32. Other defined and ill-defined Diseases	1	1
33. Motor Vehicle Accidents	-	-
34. All other accidents	1	1
35. Suicide..	1	-
36. Homicide and Operations of War	-	-
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There have been, during the year, no serious outbreaks of disease, although there were many cases of measles. The population increases considerably during the summer months, as Salcombe attracts many visitors, being a well-known holiday resort and sailing centre.

GENERAL PROVISION OF HEALTH SERVICES FOR THE AREA

The personal health services are provided by various bodies, by far the greater part being under the control of the Regional Hospital Board, Devon County Council and the Local Executive Council. The environmental health services are controlled by the District Council.

The Public Health Laboratory Service has a laboratory in Plymouth for the investigation of communicable diseases and the examination of milk, water, ice-cream foodstuffs, etc.

The Devon County Health Handbook gives details of the health and allied social services in the County of Devon. Much of its information refers to the County as a whole, but there are details of the various services provided in this district.

NOTIFIABLE DISEASE (OTHER THAN TUBERCULOSIS) DURING THE YEAR, 1961.

<u>DISEASE</u>	<u>TOTAL CASES NOTIFIED</u>
Measles	155
Influenzal Pneumonia	1
Whooping Cough	1
Food Poisoning	1
Meningococcal Septicaemia	1
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TUBERCULOSIS

NEW CASES AND MORTALITY DURING 1961

	<u>NEW CASES</u>				<u>DEATHS</u>			
<u>Age Periods</u>	<u>Respiratory</u>		<u>Non-Respiratory</u>		<u>Respiratory</u>		<u>Non-Respiratory</u>	
	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F
1 - 5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
5 - 10	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
10 - 20	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
20 - 25	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
25 - 35	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
35 - 45	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
45 - 55	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
55 - 70	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
70 and over	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
TOTAL	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE AREA

WATER SUPPLY

This is maintained by the South Devon Water Board and the quantity and quality are both satisfactory.

SEWERAGE

Numerous small outfalls discharge into the harbour and are periodically inspected and cleaned as is found necessary. It is hoped that a major scheme will be decided upon in the near future. An extension of one of the outfalls to deep water has considerably improved the conditions off Whitestrand.

PUBLIC CLEANSING

Refuse is collected weekly from all parts of the district and disposed of by means of controlled tipping at Batson Creek. Extra collections are made from hotels and business premises when requested for which a charge is made.

FOOD INSPECTIONS

The following foodstuffs were voluntarily surrendered as being found unfit for human consumption :-

- 32 - $7\frac{1}{2}$ oz. Tins of Grapefruit
- 12 - Ducklings.
- 1 - 9lb 2oz Tin Ham

ICE CREAM

No samples of ice-cream were taken.

BAKEHOUSES

There are three bakehouses within the district and no complaints have been received.

DISINFECTION

Disinfection is carried out after notified cases of infectious disease, when considered necessary.

SCHOOLS

There are three Schools in the district.

NUISANCES

All complaints received were dealt with informally.

CAMPING SITES.

The control of camping within the district occupies a considerable amount of time of the Public Health Department during the summer months. There are two sites licensed under the Caravan Sites and Control of Development Act 1960, and regular visits are paid to these sites as well as numerous other sites which were used, but unlicensed.

FACTORIES ACT, 1937

PRESCRIBED PARTICULARS on the ADMINISTRATION OF THE
FACTORIES ACT, 1937

PART I OF THE ACT

Premises (1)	No. in Register (2)	Inspections (3)	No. of written Notices (4)	Occupiers (5)
(i) Factories in which sections 1,2,3,4,&6, are to be en- forced by Local Autho- rities.....	8	3	-	-
(ii) Factories not included in (i) in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority.....	18	-	-	-
(iii) Other premises in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority (ex- cluding out-work- ers' premises)..	-	-	-	-
<u>TOTAL</u>	26	3	-	-

I am,
Your obedient Servant,

R. B. WALKER,
MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH

